

The Pocahontas Times.

If thou wouldest read a lesson that will keep thy heart from fainting and thy soul from sleep, tie to the woods and hills.—Longfellow.

Vol. 21, No. 45.

Martinton, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, June 4, 1903.

\$1.00 a Year

RICHARDSON & TIPTON,
Attorneys and Counselors-at-Law
MARLINTON, W. VA.
Prompt and careful attention given to all business placed in their hands.

H. S. RUCKER,
Attorney-at-Law and Notary Public
MARLINTON, W. VA.
Will practice in the courts of Pocahontas county and in the Supreme Court of Appeals.

H. L. VANSICKLER,
Attorney-at-Law
LEWISBURG, W. VA.
Practices in Greenbrier and adjoining counties.

F. RAYMOND HILL,
Attorney-at-Law and Notary Public
ACADEMY, W. VA.
Will practice in all the courts of Pocahontas and adjoining counties and in the Supreme Court of Appeals.

N. C. MCNEIL,
Attorney-at-Law
MARLINTON, W. VA.
Will practice in the courts of Pocahontas and adjoining counties and in the Court of Appeals of the State of West Virginia.

ANDREW PRICE,
Attorney
MARLINTON, W. VA.
Practice in Pocahontas and adjoining counties. Prompt and careful attention given to all legal work

H. M. LOCKRIDGE,
Attorney-at-Law
HUNTERSVILLE, W. VA.
Prompt and careful attention given to all legal work.

JOHN A. PRESTON, FRED WALLACE PRESTON & WALLACE
Attorneys-at-Law
LEWISBURG, W. VA.
Will practice in the courts of Greenbrier and adjoining counties, and in the Court of Appeals of the State of West Virginia.

J. W. YEAGER,
Attorney-at-Law,
MARLINTON, W. VA.
Prompt attention given to collections.

T. S. MCNEEL,
Attorney-at-Law,
MARLINTON, W. VA.
Will practice in the courts of Pocahontas and adjoining counties.

L. M. MCCLINTIC,
Attorney-at-Law,
MARLINTON, W. VA.
Will practice in the courts of Pocahontas and adjoining counties and in the Supreme Court of Appeals.

W. A. BRATTON,
Attorney-at-Law,
MARLINTON, W. VA.
Prompt and careful attention given to all legal business.

A. M. OLIVER,
NOTARY PUBLIC,
CASS, W. VA.
Will practice in the courts of Pocahontas and adjoining counties.

Physicians' Cards.

J. L. MARSHALL, M. D.
Physician and Surgeon,
Marlinton, W. Va.
All calls promptly answered.

D. O. J. CAMPBELL,
Dentist,
MONTEREY, VA.
Will visit Pocahontas county at least twice a year. The exact date of his visit will appear in this paper.

DR. ERNEST B. HILL,
DENTIST,
Marlinton and Academy, W. Va.
Graduate University of Maryland.
Dentistry practiced in all its branches.

DR. M. STOUT,
DENTIST,
MARLINTON, W. VA.
Will practice throughout Pocahontas county.

Those needing his services will please communicate by letter and make appointments to suit convenience.

Opportunity.

Master of human destinies am I; Fame, love and fortune, on my footsteps wait.

Cities and fields I walk; I penetrate

Deserts and seas remote, and passing by

Hovel and mart and palace, soon or late

Knock unbidden once at every gate;

If sleeping, wake; if feasting, rise before

I turn away. It is the hour of fate And those who follow me reach every state

Mortals desire, and conquer every foe,

Save death; but those who doubt or hesitate

Condemn to failure, penury and woe,

Seek me in vain and uselessly implore—

I answer not and return no more.”

John J. Ingalls.

COUNTY SKETCHES.

IMPEACHING A WITNESS.

David and Jonathan Pinckbeck were brothers. They lived on adjoining farms and were about fifty years old. They were both disliked by their neighbors as being unscrupulous and grasping and one was about as unpopular as the other.

The neighbors had an inexhaustible supply of anecdotes relative to the sake of their testimony were singularly blind and positively refused to be certain about anything. David had put hard in the butter he sold; Jonathan had marketed a sheep for freshly killed mutton, when in fact it had crawled under the pig pen and died.

David had sold a cake of beeswax with a large stone in the center. Jonathan had painted the white spots in a pole cat's hide black to make it bring a better price.

David knew Jonathan for what he was but he had a pretty good opinion of himself. He knew that Jonathan was not to be trusted but he thought himself a prettily decent fellow. Jonathan thought about the same of David and himself.

They both were members of a religious society and were of the kind that classified sin as being those acts of amusement or dissipation committed by thoughtless malefactors who are only seeking the pleasures of life and who have no special malice towards anybody. Consequently whenever a wine bibber, a card player or dancer intruded his evil and hateful presence, the Pinchbecks would thank the Lord that they were better than he. But stealing was another thing and they both indulged in it together with a good deal of bitterness and hatred.

They also hated each other. The fuss had started after their father had died and before he was buried. Each thought he saw the same thing, and succeeded in fouling the Pinchbeck escutcheon so that the strain has never yet been wiped out. And it is liable to remain there until one of the family builds a church, becomes foreman of the grandjury, has a fight or distinguishes himself in some other way.

The feud that started then had been kept up, religiously ever since and the two families living on adjoining farms got along only tolerably well together.

There had been a dispute between the two brothers over the division line between the two farms. The middle meadow was to be divided as near equally between them as possible and they never have been able to agree on a division line. Finally three men were chosen and they came and staked off a line through the field which pleased Jonathan but which caused David to raise a great howl. He had been done to a turn, and he made so much noise and as no arbitration papers had ever been signed, and as David's arbitrator was boldly claiming that there had been foul play, and chiefly because the stakes were there to show that Jonathan had got the lion's share of that meadow—Col. Jenkins, Jona-

than's lawyer advised a compromise.

After much talk they agreed on a certain line through the meadow, built a rail fence on it and drew up a partition deed calling for the fence as the partition line for the two parts.

“Commencing with a stake on the eastern boundary and running with the fence as built to a stake which had to be leveled up. Work

trains now pass through the upper tunnel and go as far as Jones place above the forks of the Gladys.

The working force from here have about eleven miles of track to lay which with the few miles to be laid by the force from Durbin, will have the road with that of the C. & O. thus giving us a direct route from here to Charleston.

Work on the C. & I. R. R. from here to Durbin is progressing slowly, owing to the numerous slips at different points of the line as well as the sinking of the fills which had to be leveled up. Work

trains now pass through the upper

tunnel and go as far as Jones place above the forks of the Gladys.

Jonathan glad to get the matter off his hands hitched up his spring wagon and took his family and his dog Tige to visit his father-in-law who lived at the other end of the county. He was gone four or five days and the first thing that he noticed when he came back was that the partition fence had been travelling towards his house in a lateral direction, and had moved up some fifty yards clear across the field. The corner stakes had also been uprooted and journeyed with the fence.

There had been a heavy rain but Jonathan thought he could see where the fence had formerly stood, and he found where a stake had been pulled out of the ground.

His charge was that some night his brother Dave and sons had come and moved the fence rail by rail to its new resting place. He could also see certain rails that were on top of the former fence in the bottom of the new fence.

But the neighbors whom he brought to view the ground for the sake of their testimony were singularly blind and positively refused to be certain about anything.

All they would say was that they knew the fence's present position and if it was ever moved again he might count on them. Jonathan scratched his head at this and saw that it was too late to move it back some dark night, so he sued Dave in the Circuit Court.

Jonathan swore that the fence had been moved and Dave swore that it was at the place agreed upon and gave a good deal of history about the arbitration and general character of his older brother that was very edifying to the audience.

Jonathan then produced his trump card. With great exultation he put on the stand one of the two counties, Pocahontas and Randolph whose interest have always been identical with each other, being united by family ties and other considerations. When the C. & I. R. R. is opened for traffic about four hours ride will land us in the growing town of Marlinton, while now to undertake it over country roads will consume two days travel which is quite a difference. We always predicted to our Pocahontas friends while enjoying their hospitality, that they would get a railroad down either Greenbrier river or Knappa Creek much sooner than they would by the Williams river route. Highland county was over this week trading with our merchants.

Our merchants have been taking in over a thousand pounds of wool a day for two weeks.

Our road commissioners have been going over the roads.

Mr. N. A. Whitelaw and daughter of Highland spent a few days in town.

The hot weather is bringing a good many people to the Lion Lithia Springs.

Mr. Ed. McLaughlin, was in town a few days last week, also Mr. Dick Beard.

C. B. & K. D. Swecker sold a very handsome monument last week for the late Allen Galford and his wife, this will be one of the finest in the county.

Dr. Stout is in the town doing business.

Mr. Pooh.

Knappa Creek.

Nice rains and everything growing.

Cut worms are playing havoc with the corn and gardens.

Farmers are planting more corn than usual. B. F. Hamilton cut down part of his sugar orchard and planted it in corn.

J. C. Harper has been polishing up the public roads.

Quite a little industry is going on in the way of lumbering and building. Corbet & Bros. have finished a large set at H. N. Moore's and will begin sawing for P. M. Harper soon. W. G. Buckman will also have a set.

Two dwelling houses and two or three barns will be in course of erection soon.

The foundation is being laid and the carpenters are at work on the Presbyterian church.

A large amount of wool has been taken to market from this neighborhood.

G. M.

Notice of Dissolution.

The co-partnership existing between R. W. Hill, J. F. Hill and T. A. Sydenstricker, under the firm name and style of J. F. Hill and Co., was dissolved on the 1st day of March, 1903, by mutual consent, by article of agreement duly made and entered into on that date. The undersigned part now at that time retired from said firm.

MARSHALL BUSINESS COLLEGE.

Address,

W. A. Ripley, Principal, Huntington, W. Va.

FOR SALE—A large tract of timber estimated to contain several thousand cords hemlock and rock oak bark.

Call on or address,

James F. Patterson, Dunmore W. Va.

ON TO DURBIN

The Coal and Iron Railway Near Completion.

Huntersville Notes.

Mrs. H. M. Lockridge and daughter, Miss Ethel, left last week to visit her sister in Oregon.

Miss Anna Lee Ervin of Browns mountain has been visiting Mrs. H. R. Warren for some time past.

Mrs. Zane Moore was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Herold of Drisco Saturday and Sunday.

Chas. A. Grose of Richwood spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Grose of this place.

Mr. E. A. Frisell and wife left for Cass this week.

Miss Anna Patterson who has been visiting her brother, Mr. Harry Patterson of Monterey has returned home.

Miss Vergie Reid is spending a few days with Mrs. O. D. Warwick.

Mrs. G. W. Ginger was visiting on Knappa Creek last week.

Mr. W. H. Grose made a flying trip to Covington a few days ago.

Mrs. A. B. McComb who has been very ill for some time past is able to be out again.

Mr. Henry McComb has been very sick for a few days with grippe.

Mrs. J. A. Read visited her mother Mrs. Rachel Fried last week.

Mrs. Price Moore and Mrs. Andrew Herold of Frost spent a few days with Mrs. Zane Moore on their return from the Presbytery.

Fisher Brothers have the contract for the building of the new church on Knappa Creek.

C.

Dunmore Items.

And then we had a good rain.

Mrs. E. N. Moore Mrs. J. C.

Price got home Thursday.

Mrs. Geo E. Swecker and family visited his brother Captain C. B. Swecker this week.

(Capt. S. A. Gilmore, Anderson Chestnut and Mr. Williams of Highland county was over this week trading with our merchants.

Our merchants have been taking in over a thousand pounds of wool a day for two weeks.

Our road commissioners have been going over the roads.

Dr. N. A. Whitelaw and daughter of Highland spent a few days in town.

The hot weather is bringing a good many people to the Lion Lithia Springs.

Mr. Ed. McLaughlin, was in town a few days last week, also Mr. Dick Beard.

C. B. & K. D. Swecker sold a very handsome monument last week for the late Allen Galford and his wife, this will be one of the finest in the county.

John G. Beard, of Academy, was in Marlinton recently and paid us a visit. He was in the expedition to Grafton in 1861 in Captain Andrew McNeel's company. When that company was disbanded Mr Beard went to Bath Alum, joined the Bath Squadron and was mustered into service April 5, 1862, and attached to the 11th Virginia Cavalry, Company F, Captain Ware commanding, and served through the war. Of the nineteen only one was killed, Lieutenant Moffett Poage.

The names of the seventeen others were the three brothers, Matthew, Andrew and Richard Edmiston, Clark Woodell, James Callison, Davis and John L. Kinison, J. A. Burnsides, Lieut. J. Woods Price, Lieut. John J. Beard Jordan Blake, Clark and Washington Cochran of Jesse Cochran, Moffett, Wallace and Edwin Beard. Some months since Mr Beard was in Charleston and met

Editor "Flintlock" Perry, who presented him the poem printed in last issue as a memento of their military acquaintance and in memory of comrades mutually known and by Mr Beard placed at the service of this paper for publication.

James C. Welch was the first soldier killed at the battle of Scary, regarded as the second battle of the Civil War in the limits of West Virginia.

Tuesday, June 16th, 1903